



**Signature Report**

**July 17, 2006**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0293.1

**Sponsors** Constantine and Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to river and floodplain  
2 management, adopting the 2006 King County Flood Hazard  
3 Management Plan as a functional plan of the King County  
4 Comprehensive Plan; and amending Ordinance 11112,  
5 Section 1, and K.C.C. 20.12.480.

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

9 1. Six major river systems flow through King County - the South Fork  
10 Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Sammamish, Cedar, Green and White rivers -  
11 and their significant tributaries, the Tolt, Raging, Miller and Greenwater  
12 rivers. Other tributaries and smaller streams include Tokul creek, Kimball  
13 creek, Coal creek (Snoqualmie), Issaquah creek, Fifteen Mile creek and  
14 Holder creek.

15 2. River and stream flooding impact private property, businesses, public  
16 and private infrastructure such as parks and utilities, transportation  
17 corridors, and can directly and indirectly result in loss of life.

18           3. King County adopted the policies of the 1993 Flood Hazard Reduction  
19           Plan as operating principles to guide King County's River Management  
20           Program and to meet the intent of the water and natural resource policies  
21           of the 1994, 2000 and 2004 King County Comprehensive Plans. The  
22           Flood Hazard Reduction Plan is listed as a functional plan of the King  
23           County Comprehensive Plan 2004 in Technical Appendix A (Capital  
24           Facilities).

25           4. The 2006 Flood Hazard Management Plan is an update to the 1993  
26           Flood Hazard Reduction Plan to respond to aging flood protection  
27           infrastructure and unmet maintenance needs, new or updated federal  
28           regulatory requirements, environmental impacts of past flood hazard  
29           management practices and changes in watersheds since 1993.

30           5. The 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan meets the  
31           requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community  
32           Rating System, which provides a thirty-five-percent discount on federally-  
33           backed flood insurance premiums for unincorporated King County  
34           property owners. Savings are approximately two hundred eighty-three  
35           dollars per year for the average flood insurance policy.

36           6. The 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan complies with  
37           the federal Disaster Mitigation Act and will assure that King County  
38           remains eligible and competitive for state and federal programs providing  
39           technical and financial assistance to local communities for flood hazard  
40           management.

41 7. The 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan considers the  
42 impact of flood hazard management policies and actions on habitat for  
43 Puget Sound Chinook salmon and bull trout, which are listed as threatened  
44 under the federal Endangered Species Act.

45 8. The 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan proposes  
46 project actions to repair, replace, and in some cases remove, levee and  
47 flood protection infrastructure to ensure King County can adequately  
48 reduce flood risks and address critical infrastructure needs.

49 9. The 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan is necessary to  
50 protect life and safety, valuable public and private property, the regional  
51 economy and general welfare of King County and its residents.

52 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

53 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11112, Section 1, and K.C.C. 20.12.480 are each hereby  
54 amended to read as follows:

55 The King County Flood Hazard ~~((Reduction))~~ Management Plan ~~((policies))~~, as  
56 shown in Attachment ~~((A [to Ordinance 11112] and incorporated herein by reference,~~  
57 ~~are))~~ A to this ordinance is adopted as ((operating principles)) a functional plan to guide  
58 King County's ~~((flood hazard reduction))~~ river and floodplain management program~~((s))~~  
59 and to meet the intent of the ~~((water and natural resource))~~ natural environment, and  
60 facilities and services policies of the King County Comprehensive Plan. As an  
61 amplification and augmentation of the King County Comprehensive Plan, ~~((the policies))~~  
62 the flood hazard management plan constitutes official county policy with regard to

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63 ((~~Flood hazard reduction and flood plain~~)) river and floodplain management in King  
64 County.

65       SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to  
66 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the  
67 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

**Attachments**       A. 2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan